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Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Sarah Jacobson
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 7:30:13 PM
Subject: RE: Animas River Recovery and Presidential Candidate Coming to Durango

Miss you already! It's really quiet in the EPA corner now! Nancy, welcome to the group!

Thanks so much for the sweet note. Sure appreciate you!!!!

Sarah

From: Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 1:23 PM
To: Sarah Jacobson
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: Animas River Recovery and Presidential Candidate Coming to Durango

Thanks for the heads up! I've copied Nancy who's replacing me. Will you add her to your distribution list? Thanks! Missing Durango already!!

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 1:38 PM, Sarah Jacobson <Sarah.Jacobson@co.laplata.co.us> wrote:

FYI - presidential candidate coming tomorrow.

From: Durango Business Improvement District [timw@downtowndurango.org]
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BID Constituents:

We have three things for you to know this Monday morning, two items related to the Animas River recovery and one about a presidential candidate coming to town tomorrow.

Local Recovery Center for Businesses, Employees & Affected Landowners in Response to the Gold King Mine Release Impacts

La Plata County, with the assistance of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DoLA), and with the cooperation of local, state and federal agencies, will open a Recovery Center in Durango on Tuesday, August 18 and Wednesday, August 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the east end of the La Plata County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall, Main Avenue, Durango Colorado.

Staff from local, state and federal agencies noted below will be available to answer questions regarding financial and/or technical assistance related to the Animas River - Gold King Mine release. If you believe that you have suffered an economic loss related to the event, or if you have questions related to water quality, crops or livestock, individuals will be on hand to offer information and/or assistance.

Services will be directed toward La Plata County businesses, employees and landowners who have been affected by the Gold King Mine release.

Services/Resources will include:

- Environmental Protection Agency-Assistance with Form 95 Claims for Damage for questions concerning loss of income or business.
- Environmental Protection Agency/Colorado Department of Health and Environment- (for questions concerning Water Quality Issues)
- Small Business Development Center/Region 9 Economic Development District/ La Plata County Economic Development Alliance/ Chamber of Commerce (for questions and resources regarding impacts on businesses)
- Colorado State University Extension Service (for information concerning agricultural and ditch issues)
- La Plata County Department of Human Services (for information about local social and financial supports)

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- **YouTube Channel** - Department of Labor and Employment/Unemployment Benefits-Southwest Workforce (for information on how to apply for unemployment benefits and job seeking)

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For additional information, please contact the Call Center 970-385-8700 or email susan.hakanson@co.laplata.co.us
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BID and Community Foundation to Open Community Emergency Relief Fund

*BID to distribute relief funds to those impacted by river contamination
The Community Foundation collecting donations to ensure all needs are met*

employees will be eligible for gift cards to help cover immediate necessities.

This protocol is designed to assist with short term needs. The BID recognizes that as the days and weeks pass, larger issues will become evident. These will be addressed at that time. The emergency relief fund is not, however, designed to be a long-term social services agency. The Colorado Workforce Center, La Plata County and the Community Foundation can assist or direct those impacted by the river contamination to additional resources.

"This is what our community does - we come together to support our own in times of crisis," said Walsworth. "This is why we live in Durango."

For further information, contact the Business Improvement District at 970.375.5067, or the Community Foundation at 970.375.5807.

Presidential Candidate to Visit Durango TOMORROW

Republican Presidential candidate and neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson will be in Durango on Tuesday afternoon, August 18, and is scheduled to speak at 2 p.m. in Rotary Park (behind the VFW).

The public is invited.

Dr. Carson, originally from Detroit, is currently running 2nd in the Fox post-debate polls.

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